

IN THE CLAIMS

1 (Original). A method comprising:

receiving on a client a message from a server addressed to said client; and
scheduling a data upload session based on said message.

2 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 1 further comprising:

assigning an individual identifier to the clients comprising a set of clients
including said client;
assigning a group identifier to a subset of the clients within the set of clients; and
enabling said client in said set to determine whether a message is sent to said
client or to the subset.

3 (Original). The method of claim 2 including sending a message to a client in a
unidirectional messaging system.

4 (Original). The method of claim 1 including receiving a message including an
identifier which specifies a task to perform on a storage device.

5 (Original). The method of claim 4 including receiving a message including an
identifier indicating a change to a partition on said storage device.

6 (Original). The method of claim 1 including locating an identifier within said
message that specifies an agent on said client to handle said message, and forwarding said
message to said agent.

7 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 6 including enabling said agent to
upload said data to said server over a back channel during a data upload session.

8 (Original). The method of claim 6 further including extracting a specified time from
said message and uploading said data at the specified time.

9 (Original). The method of claim 1 including extracting from said message an identifier which specifies the information to upload to said server and uploading the specified information to said server.

10 (Original). The method of claim 9 wherein said message includes a server identifier, and uploading said data to the identified server.

11 (Currently Amended). An article comprising a medium storing instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

receive a message from a server addressed to said system; and
schedule the uploading of information from said system to said server based on said message.

12 (Currently Amended). The article of claim 11 further storing instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

assign an individual identifier to each of ~~the~~ a plurality of clients comprising a set of clients including said system;
assign a group identifier to a subset of the clients within the set of clients; and
enable the system to determine whether a message is sent to the system or to the subset.

13 (Original). The article of claim 12 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to send a message to a client in a unidirectional messaging system.

14 (Original). The article of claim 11 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to decode a command within said message to modify the storage of information on a storage device.

15 (Original). The article of claim 11 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to locate an identifier within said message that specifies an agent on said system to handle said message, and forward said message to said agent.

16 (Original). The article of claim 15 further storing instructions that enable said processor-based system to upload said data to said server over a back channel.

17 (Original). The article of claim 15 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to extract a specified time from said message and upload said data at the specified time.

18 (Original). The article of claim 11 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to extract from said message an identifier which specifies the information to upload to said server and upload the specified information to said server.

19 (Original). The article of claim 18 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to upload said data to a server identified in said message.

20 (Currently Amended). A system comprising:
a processor-based device; and
a storage storing instructions that enable said processor-based device to receive a message from a server addressed to said processor-based device and schedule the uploading of information to said server based on said message.

21 (Original). The system of claim 20 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the device to compare a group identifier in a message to determine whether the device is within a group addressed by said server.

22 (Original). The system of claim 20 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable said processor-based device to locate an identifier within said message that specifies an agent on said device to handle said message and forward said message to said agent.

23 (Original). A method comprising:
transmitting a message to a client; and
scheduling the uploading of information on said client based on said message.

24 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 23 including receiving ~~further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to receive~~ an upload of data over a back channel from a client.

25 (Original). The method of claim 24 including transmitting a time specification in the message and receiving an upload of data from a client at said specified time.

26 (Currently Amended). An article comprising a medium storing instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

transmit a message to a client; and

schedule ~~the~~ uploading of information to said system based on said message.

27 (Original). The article of claim 26 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to transmit information in said message that specifies a time for an information upload from said client.

28 (Original). The article of claim 26 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to transmit a message that specifies the information that the client should upload.

29 (Currently Amended). A system comprising:
a processor-based device; and
a storage storing instructions that enable said processor-based device to transmit a message to a client and schedule ~~the~~ uploading of information on said client to said system based on said message.

30 (Original). The system of claim 29 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor-based device to specify how information is provided from the client to said system.